



The Northern Lights

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'88/'89 student council underway

by Erin Newton

Despite last year's somewhat controversial Student Council elections, President Colin Forsyth has settled smoothly into his role. He and his Vice-President Paul Yonover are anticipating an "unprecedented year." This sentiment was reflected during the first Student Council meeting, held after school on September 20th.

Vice-Principal and council sponsor, Sylvia Lane, delivered a very sincere opening to the members. She

recognized former sponsor Bill Bugher's dedication to the group and defined her own new role. "I am here to guide and support you," she said, so things can get done in the right ways. Ms. Lane also warned that the council and tasks of its members are serious matters not to be taken lightly.

Mr. Martindale administered the traditional oath of office to the members, who nearly filled lecture room H-192.

President Forsyth extended his

heartfelt welcome to the members and encouraged them "to share the optimism" he felt toward the new school year.

Many new ideas and changes for the upcoming year were suggested to the audience. Ms. Lane announced that the council would begin meeting after school on alternate Tuesdays. This change is because the council often needs more time than one hour allotted to it during the school day, and missing more class time for the meetings is not an option.

Each committee chairperson gave a summary of his/her committee's responsibilities as well as a proposal of activities for the year.

Martina Nehrling and Brett Henry announced that the Cafeteria Committee will continue donut and bagel sales. In addition, plans are being made for periodic taste-testing by students to evaluate cafeteria food.

John Sweeney of the Cultural Committee said he wants to feature certain student artists each month and display their art work around the

building.

The Campus Committee's Mike Nurok spoke about the NC Prix and the likelihood of forming a school team for inter-school competition.

Publicity Chairmen Shelly Goldstone and Kris Cerola stated that they were in charge of announcing special events and that they would welcome any suggestions from the student body. This committee has assembled a "Panther Youth Corp" to assist with special events.

Cheerleaders pass up nat'l competition

by Linda Zynger

The North Central cheerleading squad recently received the opportunity to compete at a national level. The team, composed of 6 reserve and 6 varsity girls, attended a cheerleading camp this past summer. They competed against 250 other squads and after the judging was over, was named the best all-around group.

As a result of winning their camp, the N.C. squad qualified for the nationals in Dallas, Texas.

"Unfortunately," states Lisa Knipp, coach of the squad, "the girls decided against going for varied reasons." Among these were the amount of work it would take to prepare, Jr. Spec, and the time commitment throughout the Christmas break. A vote was taken, and because only 7 girls wanted to go, a decision was made to forfeit the opportunity.

Another major achievement at the preliminary competitions was made by N.C. senior, Amy Hadley. She was awarded the title of 'All American Cheerleader' and received the highest composite score of over 500 participants. The reward for this accomplishment was a free trip to Hawaii, however, Amy decided against going.

Krissy Kinman, junior, says that despite what most people think, cheerleading is hard work and "it's not just a bunch of girls jumping around in short skirts." The squad practices twice a week, during the summer and all year long, in addition to the games they must attend each week. Amy Alden adds that, "people just don't take us for what we are; cheering is a sport, not a popularity contest."



Committee chair, Jason Fruits addresses student council

photo by Josh Kaminker

Jrs., Srs. elect class officers

by Paul Jaskunas

The senior and junior class officers were elected September 1 and 9. All the candidates gave a speech to their respective classes before the voting.

For the 1988/1989 school year the senior class has chosen Nick Hill for president, Sean Holloway for vice president, Jeremy Mendelson for treasurer, and Jenny Williams for secretary.

The junior class elected Jill Hardin president, La'tasha Mason vice president, Bert Larson treasurer, and Yonah Hong secretary.

On September 22 juniors and seniors voted for class council representatives. Any student with at least ten signatures from their classmates nominating them for office was eligible for election.

Central campus to be renovated

Thirty-two year old Northview needs repairs badly

by Paul Jaskunas

An \$8,373,000 capitol projects fund is included in the 1989 budget Washington Township's school board approved this August. Most of this money will be used in the renovation of the central campus; Northview, North Central, and the J. Everett Light Career Center.

The planning is in its initial stages but Dr. Galloway, the assistant superintendent responsible for extended services (including the renovation), estimates the project to last for three to five years. It is expected to begin late this spring. The work, Galloway says, will have to be carefully scheduled so as to not interfere

with school in session.

The bulk of the renovation will be done on Northview. The school's entire mechanical and electrical systems will be replaced. This involves a new air conditioning and heating system and new lighting. Northview's renovation is absolutely necessary, says Galloway, as the mechanical and electrical systems in the school have not been touched since Northview opened in 1956. Galloway points out that the average life span of such systems is 20-30 years.

Repairs on North Central's roof are also planned. They are tentatively

scheduled to begin next summer and continue during the summer of 1990. The J. Everett Light Career Center will receive little attention as it is a relatively new building. However, work on the air conditioning units and minor cosmetic changes are being considered.

The paving for the entire central campus may be redone.

The renovation plans will be thoroughly explained publically at the last school board meeting in October. Dr. Galloway stresses the fact that they are very much subject to change upon the board's request.

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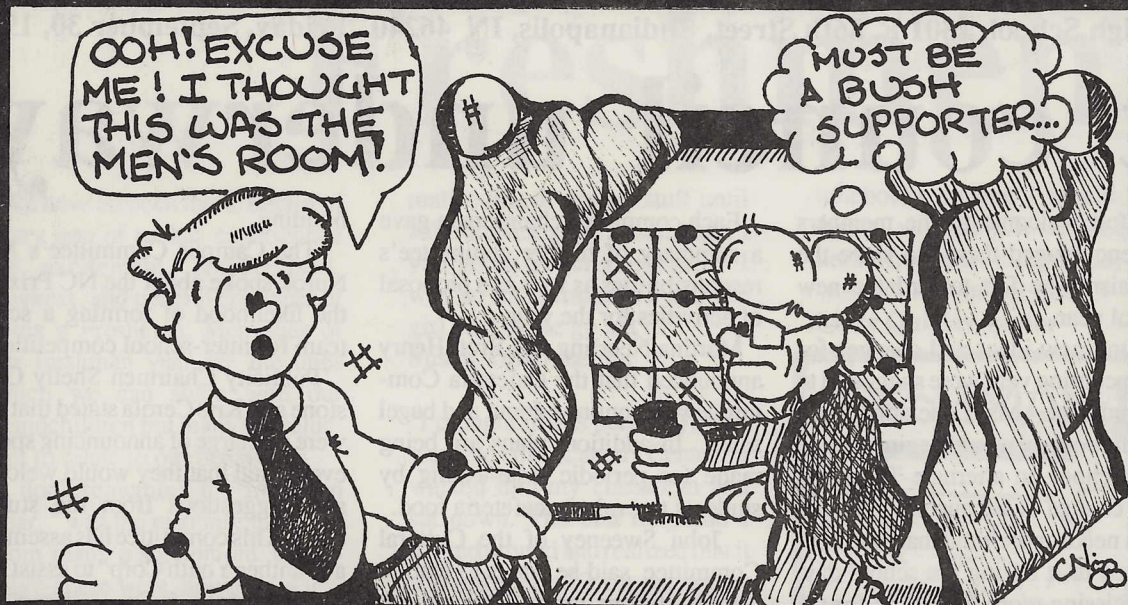
At a Glance

September 30 is the last day to drop a class without grade penalty

October 7 is the last day of the first six week grading period. Only five more to go!

Homecoming festivities begin October 10 and end October 15 with the dance. The football game is Friday, the 14 against Terre Haute North.

Editorial



"In My Opinion" by Paul Matthew Yonover

I am yours! You are mine! You are what you are...Crosby, Stills, and Nash.

Haven't you ever looked in the mirror and wished for some kind of change? You don't like a pimple, you wished your hair would go this way or that, or the scar under your lip is too big? Even the most vain people secretly wish that something about them would change. This whole concept of dissatisfaction with our present selves is the foundation upon which plastic surgery was built.

I am certainly not pointing the finger, because as some already know, I am very self-conscious. As Bridget Graham pointed out during my vice-presidential campaign, I *do* have a part of my anatomy large enough to base my campaign on....my *nose* (of, course! Don't let your mind wonder, you perverts!) My point is that no one is happy with at least one aspect of their lives. People with curly hair want straight hair, and people with straight hair will go at all lengths to get it curly. My nose is too big, and hundreds of thousands of people experience the same problem. Short people hate getting kinks in their neck from always looking up, and towering people hate ducking door frames. Belly buttons are another wide topic of frustration, although those of us with "innies" what to keep them that way. The list extends way beyond these physical trivialities. Wanting to be smarter, stronger, richer, nicer, and more emotionally stable is not only normal, but it is extremely common. Walter Mitty embodied this naturally human trait to dream and desire to be somebody else because they are not happy with themselves. Delusions of grandeur are pure and simple extensions of man's inclination to strive to be someone he is not. Even the study of Calculus, that dreaded math course, can be compared to man's inherent nature. It is in part the study of what cannot be — limits and the such. If Billy Joel loves you just the way you are...maybe you should stay that way. Then again, maybe you should go ahead with that nose job...

Quayle supporter speaks out

by Patrick Mulry

Recently the Democratic Party has taken a different approach to how a president should be elected. Instead of proving their candidate's worth to the voting public, their strategy is to demean the opposition.

A case in point, illustrated in this newspaper last issue, is the Dan Quayle fiasco. Liberals throw out trash on Quayle in order to make presidential nominee George Bush look like he is incompetent.

The Democratic Party, making the best use of the "east coast liberal press," as it was called in a recent editorial by William F. Buckley, dug up plenty of dirt on Quayle. They say he "pulled strings" and used "personal influence" to gain a position in the Indiana National Guard. They also make light of the fact that Quayle is a "professed anti-communist" and has "pro-defense beliefs," as if it were a crime to subscribe to those beliefs.

In order to rebut the first fact, some thing must be understood: everybody pulls strings or uses their influence for one thing or another. Whether it is to get backstage passes at a concert or to get a bank loan, influence is constantly used in daily life. Secondly, why was it wrong of Quayle to escape the Vietnam War by joining the National Guard? Quayle was simply using his brain to avoid the war instead of his Bic lighter.

Thirdly, what do his "professed anti-communist beliefs" have to do with the fact that Quayle did not fight in Vietnam? President Reagan, in his 1980 campaign for president, was vehemently anti-communist, yet he never fought in a war when he was eligible for the draft. The fact that Quayle did not see combat in Vietnam has nothing to do with the fact that he opposes communism.

However, very little has been said about Michael Dukakis, also a result of having a liberal press. how many know that, in 1982, Dukakis was in support of a nuclear-freeze policy that would have undermined the U.S.'s efforts to regain nuclear parity with the USSR.

Remarkably little has been noted about Dukakis' foreign policy experience. Even Quayle, a junior Senator, has more experience in foreign policy issues than Dukakis. In a world that is ever increasingly globally interdependent, would it not only be unwise, but just plain stupid, to put a man without experience into the position where he needs it most?

Voter apathy threatens democracy

by Tanya Marsh

We don't know just how lucky we are. Citizens of the United States are guaranteed the right to choose their leaders in a formal election process. Yet, unbelievably, less than half of eligible voters will vote in the November general election.

Americans have an almost fanatical love of freedom, we obviously prefer democracy over communism or facism. But if people don't take advantage of the right to vote, does it really matter what form of government we live under?

Of course it matters, any sane person would prefer democracy to totalitarianism. But what are the people of the United States doing to insure the continuation of democracy? A democracy can only survive with the support of the people. When people express discontent with their political system revolution, anti-democratic revolution, occurs.

People may say that my fears are unfounded. They claim America has some divine right to always be a free democracy. They are pathetically naive.

What would happen in America today with a three party election? The Democrats, the Republicans and the Nazis all are competing for the presidency. Then 50% (that's a generous estimate) of eligible voters cast their ballots in November. The Nazi party would only need the support of 17% of all eligible voters in order to win. That 17% obviously doesn't represent the majority but that's what happens when people don't vote, the minority begins to rule.

If current trends continue, by the year 2000, the majority of eligible voters will fail to vote in any election. Whatever happened to the political turmoil of the 60's, when everyone had an opinion on politics? Why is it that the young people today just don't care?

Leaders can't blame this one on drugs or misfortune. Maybe this apathy is occurring because we don't realize how lucky we really are. My generation was born in post-Vietnam, post-Civil Rights Movement America. We have not lived in times of war, depression, facism, or any major domestic crisis. Will it take tragedy to wake up this generation, to make them care about government?

The hypothetical situation of the Nazis gaining power in America may sound outlandish and unrealistic but in 1924 if someone would have told a German that in 15 years Hitler would lead them in pursuit of world conquest, he would have laughed.

No one is laughing now. We can't afford to. We can't wait for tragedy to convince young people to cast their vote for democracy. They have to realize the error of their ways and correct the problem before America begins to fall and it is too late.

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Feature



by Susia Mattler and Chirs Nimz

Just when you thought it was safe to watch T.V., here comes the Humiliation of the United States Part Two also known as the XXIV Summer Olympic Games. Not only are we humiliated, but we are humiliated in such sports as bowling, ping-pong and badminton. Just imagine this, someone throwing away his/her or its life for winning the bronze in badminton. Yes, this is our comprehensive review of the Olympics.

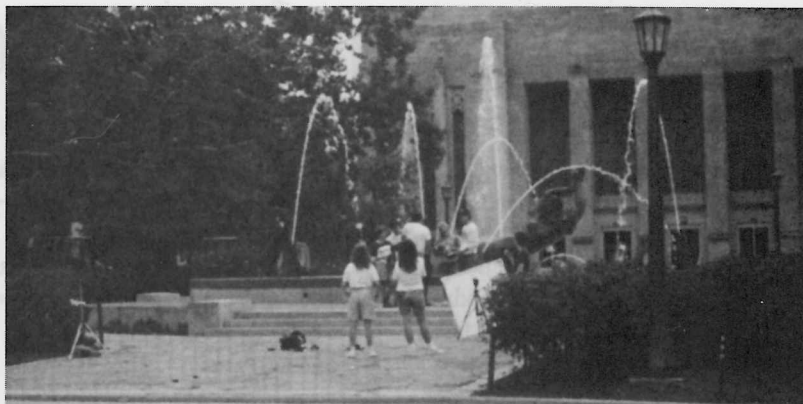
If you're in your chair just drooling over badminton, just wait till '92 when monofining is included as a demonstration sport. Yes, monofining the sport in which one attaches a giant tail fin to their behind and slinks along the bottom of the pool. What's next, lawn darts, watermelon seed spitting contests, and tractor pulling?! We're sure the United States would excel in tractor pulling.

THE RUSSIANS. You know, twelve years is a long time without seeing that commie breed. As MR. D. LETTERMAN, of the Broad Ripple stated, "The Russians are back and we (United States) are going for the bronze!" How can a five foot, ten inch Rod Average fair against a six foot, seven inch Russian bear named VLADIMIR. By the time the Olympics are over, the Russian National Anthem, will be more familiar than Def Leopards, "Pour Some Sugar On Me."

These days sponsorship for the Olympics is getting a weeee bit out of hand. There is a veritable myriad of products that are, the "official" sponsor the Olympics. Ranging from the official camera to the official soft drink to the official hotel. What's next?! For those athletes who suffer from severe anxiety, DEPEND, the official undergarments of the Olympics.

But, we could go on forever, just like the Olympics. So as the flame dies in Seoul and the Russians rent a U-HAUL to take their medals home, we bid "au revoir," adieu and GOODRIDENCE to the '88 SUMMER OLYMPICS!!!

CHRIS PREPARES SUSIE FOR THE '92 OLYMPICS



"The Fountain" at Indiana University

Killing those weekend blues!

Let's face it, even a weekend can be dull, monotonous, a bland repetition of the same old thing. And during the school year when time for a good time is sacred, a boring weekend is the ultimate let down. At least once during the four years spent at N.C. the high school scene will get old, and when that happens there is only one thing to do...head for a college campus. You've heard stories of gloriouse revelry... and nightlong study sessions, but since you're only visiting you can disregard this aspect of what has become legendary college life. A weekend spent on a col-

lege campus gives one the opportunity to sample college life before taking the actual plunge into the thick of it, it's also a really good time. The following is a brief article describing one visit to Indiana University (censored version).

A prospective partier arrives in Bloomington around 8:05 on a Friday night. Wisely having made sleeping arrangements for both Friday and Saturday night, our temporary collegiate is free to "go with the flow" of the weekend, knowing his (the term he is used generically) assured of a place to sleep. On a Friday



Students gather before a concert outside The Union

night the plans involve a friend's house off campus. This will be interesting. If at all possible, when visiting a school, spend one night in a private residence; regular houses turned into student housing each have a unique atmosphere of their own. So do their parties. That's about as far into this particular Friday night's experiences as we can go in a high school publication.

Saturday is good fro just about one thing - sleeping. But if you're at a big

university like I.U. and there's a football game going on, try to get tickets. There is nothing like a football game to round out the weekend experience, and the score is one thing you can tell Mom and Dad about. Saturday night is another story, probably a very long one. Since we're running out of space here, and we really can't go into detail, we'll give you one last hit of advice: try the college weekend experience yourself.



The Student Council started off the year with a BANG! with its Woodstock Revival Concert. Held on September 10, bands battled it out for the honor of playing Homecoming on October 10, 1988. The festive atmosphere was jubilant and the crowd enjoyed the sun, fun, and great music. The concert touched off a newfound fashion: TYE-DIE. Council sold hand died shirts for \$6.00, and the sale was an overnight success. The sixties was back in style. Forsyth and Yonover, Pres. and V.P. both agree that the event was a success and that "the school year started on the right foot."



A popular place to spend Sunday afternoon

STUDENT FOCUS

by Ann Banta

"Sometimes he calls just to talk to me, and he doesn't want to talk to Mom or Dad," commented Robin Rodenberg about the way her brother treats her now that he is in college.

Hal Rodenberg, a 1988 graduate of North Central, is attending the University of Missouri, Kansas City, in a six year medical program. This leaves Robin as an only child in her house for the first time. We asked her what it is like.

Which of his things have you taken over?

"I took all of the loose change out of his drawers, his money, some sweatshirts... pretty much his whole room."

What is the best part about having your brother away at college?

"I'm not 'Hal's little sister' anymore. I can be my own person."

What is the worst part?

"I am the only child, the only one to pick on since Hal is not around."

Are you going to follow in his footsteps?

"No way! I hate blood and all that medical stuff!"

How does he treat you now that he is in college?

"We became really close before he left for college, (but) I think that when we come face to face, we'll start arguing again!"



photo by Charles Wong

This leaves Robin as an only child in her house for the first time. We asked her what it is like.



Insights

State lottery still meets much opposition

By Laura Galloway

To many, an Indiana state lottery sounds like a great idea. People spend a buck or two, and invest in the dream of winning a million dollars—becoming instantly rich, and having the power to buy anything. But many do not think of an important issue that a lottery brings up. True, it would be wonderful to possess instant wealth. But a lottery is gambling, and gambling brings up a question of ethics. If a lottery was to be implemented in the state of Indiana, it would instantly life the Constitution's policy on gambling. Earl Conn, a member of Indiana Citizens Against Legalized Gambling recently explained the reason why his organization felt a lottery would be a negative step. In the Muncie Star Conn explained, "What it comes down to ultimately, is, do you believe the state should be in the business of gambling? The

question isn't whether or not you support a lottery, but are you in favor of the state supporting gambling?"

What many people also don't take time to look at is how a lottery would affect Indiana in the long run. Although many believe that an Indiana state lottery would benefit us, studies and projections compiled by local economists indicate that a lottery could ultimately end up hurting the state. Many believe it is a regressive sales tax, and that it disrupts the work ethic. It is estimated that only two percent of the state budget would be benefited. Despite the small amount of revenue it would generate, it is thought that a lottery would encourage wagering.

Opponents of a state lottery also say that it won't keep Hoosiers from buying tickets in surrounding state such as Michigan, Ohio and Illinois.

Another important issue attached to the lottery controversy is who will be purchasing the tickets. State senator Howard Brooks of Chicago believes that a lottery "preys on the uneducated." Simply because of the fact that many who purchase the tickets would be in the lower half of the county economically. Often they spend excessive amounts of money, hoping to step into good fortune. What people don't know is the odds of actually winning a significant amount of money are slim.

Morally, many religious groups are opposed to state supported gambling. Said Dr. Grover L. Hartman, retired director for the Indiana Council of Churches, "It is wrong to get something for nothing, and wrong to get something you did not earn."



Indiana willing to bet on state lottery

By Bridget Graham

"I would predict that by the end of next year, Indiana will have a state lottery providing some \$60 million in revenue," said Senator Robert Clay. Well, he was a little bit off. He made that prediction in 1976. Twelve years later Indiana still has no lottery and gambling is still illegal. But that may soon change. The 1987 session of the Indiana General Assembly approved a resolution to repeal the 136-year-old ban on lotteries. The referendum will go to a vote in the November election, and the citizens of Indiana will decide whether to amend the state constitution. In all

likelihood the amendment will pass, since the only forms of gambling it allows are the lottery, pari-mutuel betting, and bingo. (Yes, bingo is illegal in Indiana, and thousands of harmless old people are technically hardened criminals.) According to a poll by The Indianapolis Star, 70 percent of Hoosier voters already favor any measure that would introduce a lottery.

A state lottery would bring a significant increase to state revenues, although exactly how much is not known. Shah Towfighi, budget analyst for Legislative Services

Agency estimates about \$88 million, while Senator Lawrence M. Borst says it could reach a net gain of \$196 million annually. It is known that Indiana residents currently spend about \$90 million in Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois state lotteries. In fact, Indianans buy 16 percent of all Illinois lottery tickets. The Indiana state government would like to pull some of that money back home.

The lottery is favored by many citizens as a "fun way to pay taxes." Somehow they find it just isn't as painful when they have the chance to win it all back many times over.

After all, it's not as if the state's profits would go to line bureaucratic pockets. Rather, the vast revenue increase would result in better roads as well as funds for pensions of retiring police and firefighters. (There is one proposal that anyone caught destroying a lottery ticket be given the death penalty. The state senate's decision on that is expected to hinge on Congress's decision on the similar drug bill that is now before them.) The lottery is also an issue very close to the hearts of Indiana students, whether they realize it or not. According to the proposals that have

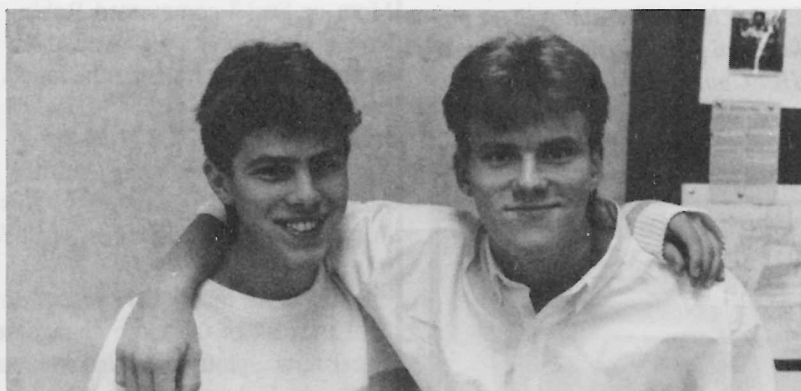
come before the state legislature, much of the money from a lottery would go to improve the educational system. That alone would be enough to endear the amendment to voters after the recent furor over the quality of education. Most high school students have no problem with the idea of a state-run lottery. As one N.C. senior sums it up, "Why not? It's fun, it's lucrative, and it's for a good cause."

Should Indiana approve a state lottery and why or why not ?



Sandy Lawlis
U.S. History

I favor legalized Gambling but not a state lottery. Gambling should be operated by businesses.



Jon Sweeney and Steve Kostas
Seniors

We favor an Indiana state lottery because we are sick and tired of driving to Illinois every weekend to buy tickets.



Jessica Jackson
Junior

There should be a state lottery if it is the will of a majority of the people. Besides, I could win.



Jeremy Glowacki
Senior

I do not like the idea of a lottery because it feeds off of the poor of the community.

Sports

Boys' soccer off to fast start



Senior Jon Kamara prepares to rip the net with another awesome shot. Photo by J. Kaminker

By Brett Henry

"Close, but no cigar." Although the boys' soccer team has heard this a number of times, it is working hard and looking to overcome its obstacles in order to go all the way this season.

The team, which is looking for its second state championship to add to the 1982 title, has gotten off to a quick start. The Panthers have compiled a 7-2 record to date, including an impressive 17-0 victory over Bloomington South.

Even though the squad owns a good record and has much potential, the season has been marked by some inconsistent play. "We have a well skilled, competitive team. But we lack consistency of performance over the full 80 minutes. If we can correct this we will be a very good team,"

commented fifth year head coach Jerry Little.

One factor that the Panthers will try to use to their advantage is experience. The team has 15 seniors to boast, including eleven who have returned from last year's varsity squad. Two players, Jon Kamara and Paco Proano, will play a large part in the team's success. "Jon and Paco must continue to be an offensive force for us to utilize the rest of our talent," remarked Little of his three-year lettermen. Kamara has been accomplishing this so far as he is currently the team's leading goal scorer.

In addition to Kamara and Proano, the starting positions have all been filled by seniors. Filling these spots are Andrew McBride, Jon

Schildcrout, Jim Ananias, Jeff Dyer, Maurice Grant, Jared Strauss, Brett Henry, Pat Dutton, Brennen Florey and Lonnie Weinerman. Other members who have contributed are seniors Jason Sherman, Kyle Sherman and Brian Epstein and juniors Adam Gersting, Eric Brunkow, Jon Tempel and Ryan Johnston.

Two items that Little hopes his team will improve on are concentration and intensity, especially for a full game. But despite those two things, Little has one broader, greater goal in mind. "Our main goal is simply to improve, but we continue to set high goals for North Central soccer. If we work hard we feel we have a chance at going to the final four."



Senior Paco Proano practices to juke his future opponents. Photo by J. Kaminker

Top-ranked Panthers look to Carmel

By Greg Akers

"We respect everyone but fear nobody." Such are the words of boys tennis coach Byron Buckley on his top ranked Panthers.

The Panthers (10-0) have upheld the proud tradition of the tennis program as they look for their tenth state title this year. Buckley credits the team's success to good senior leadership and an excellent work ethic. By winning 48 out of 50 matches, the Panthers have shown why they are favorites to go all the way to the state title, although the road to the top is by no means a cakewalk.

"We really need to have some good practices before the Carmel match," commented Buckley. "Anything can happen when North Central faces Carmel."

The Panthers are led by junior Mike Hopkinson and seniors David

Held and Tom Wiese, all of whom rotate at the top three positions.

"Hopkinson is one of the quickest players I've ever had," added Buckley on the Southport transfer. "But all three of those players are fairly even."

At number one doubles are senior Tag Birge and junior John Baxter, while sophomore Erik Barrett and junior Mike Ricafort play number two doubles. David Wu and Todd Schroeder are the only seniors not on varsity last year. Joe Liddy is the only freshman on the team and junior Josh Hague and sophomore Mark Dutton add some very valuable depth. All are undefeated so far this season.

Added Buckley, "We would really like to have some crowd support for our match against Carmel." The match is scheduled for October 1 at NC.



Junior Sean Malone serves up an ace in practice. Photo by J. Kaminker

Sophomore Nibbs and good defense lead Panthers to 47-21 victory over Chatard

By Kirk Johannessen

From the outset of the game, it was apparent that the Panthers had come out with a renewed intensity towards winning. Their spirit carried them to a 47-21 thrashing of the Chatard Trojans.

On the third play of the game, Dontonio Nibbs broke free from several Trojan tackles and raced 54 yards for the score. Nibbs turned in a superb effort, gaining 97 yards on seven carries.

But Nibbs was not the only person contributing. Coach Pappas said there was a great "team effort" which led to the victory. Other Panthers to score touchdowns were James Reynolds, Jules Johnson, Mike Brown and Aaron Shelby, the latter two each scoring twice.

Although the offense turned in its finest performance to date, the defense was not too shabby itself. The

Panther defense caused several fumbles and made many key stops. The defense allowed a single touchdown in the first half and only two in the second; one came at the end of the game. The Panthers also contained Chatard's star runningback, Greg Leuderman, to a reasonable 112 yards rushing.

After scoring on their third play, the Panthers rolled to a 19-0 first quarter lead and a 33-7 halftime cushion. The team never looked back and cruised to a 47-21 victory.

Losing earlier to Ben Davis 35-0, concern seemed somewhat apparent. "Anytime you are 1-2, you have to be concerned," stated Coach Pappas.

As evidence of the team's victory, things seem to be on the upswing for the Panthers. The team's play against the Trojans could be an indication of better things to come. "I hope so," stated Pappas, "we are in

The Press Box by Patrick Mulry

So far this year in pro football, the Indianapolis Colts are "the best 0-3 club in the league," as they were called by many sportscasters last weekend. Why have they, at press time, suffered three losses without a victory? Here are some reasons:

1) The Colts have hoarded every top left outside linebacker in the NFL. The Colts already had a good L.O.L.B. in Johnny Cooks, who was demoted to second-string when O'Brien Alston, a rookie, took his spot when Cooks was injured. After that, the Colts gave two first-round draft picks to Seattle for Pro-Bowler

Fredd Young.

2) Offensive line problems have disabled the Colts' passing attack. Against the Cleveland Browns, both veterans Ron Solt and Pro-Bowler Chris Hinton were out with injuries. This allowed the line to leak like a sieve during Hurricane Gilbert with Colts' QBs feeling defensive pressure every time they dropped back to pass. Even some Colts aren't sure of their line. Running back Eric Dickerson knew that when he said "they (the opposition) do a good job of getting into the backfield" prior to the Brown's game.

3) The Colts suffer from a predictable offense. In their first three games, the Colts kept the ball on the ground and mainly in the hands of Pro-Bowler Dickerson. The main problem with this is that defenses key on Dickerson, and that Dickerson tends to fumble at least once a game. A recent NBC Sports statistic showed the ratio of carries to fumbles, and Dickerson was second highest on the list with one fumble every 32 carries.

4) Current lack of a passing game is also a problem. This can be attributed to the two above factors, be-

cause if the line can't hold the defense, the quarterbacks cannot throw. In addition, Dickerson accounts for 50% of Colts receiving so even when he isn't running, it's still safe for the defense to put a man on him.

5) Late game fadeaways are another problem. Against Houston, the Colts blew it in overtime. Against the Bears, the Colts let it slip away in the 4th quarter when the ball slipped out of Dickerson's hands. The Colts simply let the game get away from them in the third and fourth quarters against Cleveland and would have

lost to the Browns by 13 points if Clarence Verdin had not have returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown.

The Colts need some help, and only if they pull together and get some luck can they defend their title as AFC Eastern Division champion. Eastern Division rivals Buffalo and New York are playing well so far this year and unless the Colts shape up soon, they cannot be considered "Super Bowl contenders" as General Manager Jim Irsay called them.

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Freshmen Follies

We have all been there. Each and every one of us has experienced the excitement, embarrassed, newness, and general craziness of being a Freshman. Memories of our freshman year are the ones which we can share with our grandchildren but many are reluctant to relate to our peers. "I don't remember my freshman year," was the response that I got from many a sophomore. Oh really? There were, however, a few brave souls who excitedly responded to the question "Was there anything strange, funny or stupid

realize that it was my stuff until Julie Berlier said, 'Susan, aren't you going to get your stuff?' I was so embarrassed. I had the girl next to me go get it." Susan Tuller, senior

"I thought it was period 4/5 so I went to the Career Center. I walked into my classroom and sat down. The bell rang and I looked around and realized that it was only period 3. I found someone that I knew, said 'Don't forget to call me,' so that I wouldn't look stupid, and I walked out." Buffy Hutchinson, junior

Encounters of the Upperclassmen Kind

"On the second day of school, I accidentally knocked the books out of a senior's hand. He felt stupid." Marshall Gephart, sophomore

"During my third week at North Central, an extremely tall, lanky young lady with glasses accosted me. I had seen her before and assumed that she was a junior or senior. She grabbed my arm with a strength I could not combat and pulled me into the girls' restroom in lower A hall while I was on my way to tenth period. She swore she would 'make me a man,' but before this could be accomplished Mr. Klons walked in and had her arrested." Colin Forsyth, senior

The First Day Funk

"I got my map in the mail so I took a magic marker and drew out all of my steps. I had each period and hallway in a different color and then I color coded my

notebooks so that I would know where I was going. It was the typical nerdy freshman thing to do, but it worked. I never got lost!" Marc Quigley, senior



"I was scared on the first day of school because I had heard some upperclassmen talking. They said that they could always tell who were freshman because they walked around with their schedule in one hand and a map in the other. I told myself that I wasn't going to



do that." Kathy Abdon, junior

"It was the first day of school. I had my schedule and my map with all of my classes highlighted hidden in my books. Every once in awhile I would flip through my books and look at my map. I was walking down C hall and I decided to take a shortcut. I turned right. Then I turned right again...and again. I walked around and around in circles looking for a locker which I found out didn't exist."

Julie Sanford, senior

Lunchtime Laughs

"I was sitting at a lunch table with my friends near the heavy metal section of the cafeteria. Somebody chucked an apple at me and it hit me right in the back. It caught me by surprise."

Jon Nowlin, senior

"On the first day of school I went in the exit of the lunch line and I came out the entrance. I got away without paying but my great sense of honesty made me go back and pay."

Jake Query, sophomore

"A bunch of us used to throw money at the lunch lady during lunch. She would bend down and pick it up, so we chucked change at her. One day she yelled at us and said that she had about \$500 worth in pennies and that she didn't want any more."

Matt Churchman, sophomore

Strange Staircase Stories

"I was walking up the stairs and there was a bunch of people coming down. All of a sudden my purse strap got caught on the railing. I had to stop quickly, go backwards, and unhook it."

Julie Berlier, senior

"On Senior Slop Day I put my hand on the stair railing and got vaseline all over it."

Candace Andrews, sophomore

"I was late for class so I was running up the student center stairs not really looking where I was going. I tripped and fell."

Dawn Bullard, senior

General Stupidity



"When everybody came back from spring break they all had tans. I didn't go anywhere. I own a sunlamp so I decided to get a little tan so that I wouldn't feel left out. I fell asleep under it and I got second degree burns on one side of my face. Everyone made fun of me."

Jen Crowe, senior

"I walked into the guys' bathroom. It had pink tiles instead of blue. It was really embarrassing." Anonymous Female, sophomore

"My whole freshman year was strange, dumb, and stupid!" Katrina VanVoorhis, junior



that happened to you during your freshman year?" They should be commended for their honesty.

Classroom Confusion

"I was in a study hall freshman year. We had just come in from lunch and I had put my purse on the very top row of the lecture room (F160) and I forgot that I put it there. In the middle of the period the whole study hall heard a huge can of hair spray and some makeup roll down the stairs. I didn't

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- MIS-MATCHED SOCKS •
- POCKET PROTECTOR (future science teacher)



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